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**Two Douglas County Correctional Officers test positive for COVID-19**

On May 15, 2020, Douglas County officials received confirmation that two correctional officers with the Douglas County Department of Corrections have tested positive for COVID-19.

It is believed that these officers contracted the virus in the community in separate occurrences.

Both officers are currently self-isolating at home.

"We are continuing to work closely with the Douglas County Health Department to conduct contact trace investigations to ensure all staff and incarcerated individuals who may have come into contact with these officers are monitored," said Mike Myers, director of Douglas County Department of Corrections. "To date, we have tested more than 35 staff and incarcerated individuals. Prior to these two cases, all other tests have been negative."

Douglas County Corrections has about 500 employees. As of today, there are approximately 1,100 incarcerated individuals at Corrections.

"Since early March, we have taken an abundance of precautions to minimize the risk for incarcerated individuals and staff," Myers said. "It is our hope these measures prove effective in protecting all individuals entrusted to our custody."